

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DAVID M. LONG )  
TITLE: APPARATUS FOR )  
IMPROVING HUMAN )  
MOBILITY ON SNOW )  
SURFACES )  
SERIAL NO.: 09/998,813 )  
FILED: October 24, 2001 )  
EXAMINER: B. Fischmann )  
ART UNIT: 3618 )

) RESPONSE A WITH AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, Paper No. 5 mailed March 12, 2003, applicant requests entry of this Response A With Amendment and reconsideration of the above-captioned application. This response addresses every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

A shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time and check no. 6757 in amount of \$465.00 to cover the corresponding fee is enclosed.

## Certificate of Deposit Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

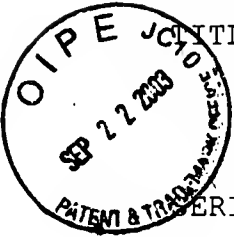
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22131-1450, on the 11 day of September, 2003.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

The total number of independent and dependent claims under examination has not increased and therefore no additional fee in this regard is required.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 14 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 22 of this paper and include three attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 23 of this paper.